

Senate Resolution 740

By: Senator Miles of the 43rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Declaring Bishop Paul S. Morton and Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Church Day; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Bishop Paul S. Morton has been the pastor of the Greater St. Stephen Church
4 in New Orleans since 1979, laboring alongside his life partner, Elder Debra B. Morton; and

5 WHEREAS, the membership of St. Stephen has grown from nearly 650 members to more
6 than 20,000; and

7 WHEREAS, under the leadership of this visionary, several seasonal institutes, revivals,
8 community outreach programs, and over 60 active in-house ministries were begun; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1992, Bishop Morton answered the call to begin the Full Baptist Church
10 Fellowship to lead and teach people of God how to operate in the fullness of the Holy Spirit;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, in March 1993, Bishop Morton was consecrated to the office of International
13 Presiding Bishop of the Full Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship; and

14 WHEREAS, Bishop Morton's sole desire is to teach people to operate in spirit over mind,
15 helping them to reach their full spiritual potential; and

16 WHEREAS, in addition to pastoring the Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Baptist Church and
17 his worldwide evangelical ministries, Bishop Morton is the author of several books and
18 spreads the word of God through radio and television broadcasts; and

19 WHEREAS, Bishop Morton is also a world-renowned singer who has performed with such
20 musical greats as Aretha Franklin, released a nationally recognized album entitled "Crescent

1 City Fire," and was featured on the all-star recording of "Something Inside So Strong," the
2 hit tribute to Rosa Parks; and

3 WHEREAS, refusing to be defeated by the horrific devastation of the Mother Church in New
4 Orleans by Hurricane Katrina, Bishop Morton has been led by the Holy Spirit to establish
5 Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Church #2 in Decatur, Georgia.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
7 recognize January 29, 2006, as "Bishop Paul S. Morton and Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel
8 Church Day" and welcome Pastor Morton and his vibrant faith community to the State of
9 Georgia.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
11 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Greater St. Stephen Full Gospel Church.